

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO: 91-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COMPUTER MATCHING AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS
OF 1990 PUBLIC LAW 101-508


This is to inform Counties of the impact Public Law 101-508 has on the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Food Stamp programs.

Congress has enacted Public Law 101-508 as part of the Budget Reconciliation Act with an effective date of November 5, 1990. This law modifies Public Law 100-503 as outlined in ACL No. 90-11 dated January 26, 1990.

The new law eliminates the requirement for issuing a 30 day Notice of Action before taking action to reduce, suspend, or terminate benefits when the action is the result of a computer match using Federal data. Counties are required to revert back to following existing program regulations/policy which specify the use of adequate and timely (10 day) Notice of Actions.

The law also restores the authority to consider data from the Social Security Administration (SSA) as verified since it is provided from the source agency. However, Counties may choose to verify SSA data if they consider the data to be questionable. In summary, Public Law 100-503 is no longer applicable to welfare programs.

Counties are to begin complying with the provisions of Public Law 101-508 for AFDC and Food Stamp cases immediately. If you have any questions regarding the new law, please contact Ken Worman of the Fraud Program Management Bureau at (916) 445-2847.


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